(a) whether Government have set up a committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Transport, to go into the question of private participation in road construction and maintenance; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the other members of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Banning of private contractors from handling cargo operations at Airports**

397. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban private contractors from handling cargo operations at airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present, no private contractors are acting as cargo handling agents at any of the airports. The question of imposing a ban, therefore, does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Setting up of Rural Universities**

398. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Rural Universities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education-1986 visualises the consolidation and development of the new pattern of Rural Universities on the line of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas on Education. The details of the scheme for establishment of Rural Universities have not yet been finalised.

**Manufacture of aircraft for Vayudoot**

399. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture aircraft for Vayudoot in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to manufacture any aircraft for Vayudoot apart from Dornier aircraft already being manufactured by HAL.

**Functions of the National Airports Authority**

400. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority has recently been set up; and

(b) if so, what are its functions and what are the names of its Chairman and other Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Airports Authority has been constituted on the 21st of May, 1986 and has become operational on the 1st of June, 1986. The Authority has been established for the management of aerodromes and civil enclaves

whereat domestic air transport services are operated or are intended to be operated and of all communication stations and for matters connected therewith. The Authority will also discharge the functions for providing air navigation services at all the domestic and international airports.

The Board of the Authority was constituted on the 21st of May, 1986 and its composition is as follows:

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| (i) Air Marshal C.K.S. Raje | Chairman |
| (ii) The Director General of Civil Aviation | Member, ex-officio. |
| (iii) The Director, Civil Aviation Security | (Part-time) Member. |
| (iv) The Financial Advisor, Department of Civil Aviation. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (v) The Director General, C.P.W.D. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (vi) The Chairman, International Airports Authority of India. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (vii) The Managing Director, Air India. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (viii) The Managing Director, Indian Airlines. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (ix) The General Manager, Vayudoot. | (Part-time) Member. |
| (x) Lt. General (Retired) T.B. Nanda. | (Part-time) Member. |

**Committee on Urban Transport System**

401. SHRI SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently set up a study group on urban transport to recommend alternative systems of urban transport; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Study Group are as under:

(i) to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available transport technology;

(ii) to establish parameters for such systems to suit Indian cities and conditions;

(iii) to establish capabilities and costs of various systems manufactured internationally and the expertise and general commercial conditions with which they are available looking at the trade offs between various alternatives;

(iv) to consider any other issue relevant to the subject.

The work of Study Group is in progress.

**सेमीनारों में भाग लेने के लिये विदेश को भेजे गये डाक्टर**

402. **श्री मिर्जा इर्शाद बेग :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 5 मार्च, 1986 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1121 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न योजनाओं के अधीन आयोजित सेमिनारों